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Before calculating the filing fee for the present application, please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of improving tolerance to a xenograft comprising: immunising a mammal with an immunogen comprising at least one T-cell epitope and at least one porcine polypeptide B-cell epitope, wherein said B-cell epitope is capable of mediating rejection of said xenograft.
 2. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said B-cell epitope is a peptide derived from at least one porcine polypeptide selected from the group of CD40, CD80, CD86 and VCAM.
 3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said peptide is selected from at least one peptide represented in Figure 22.
 4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said peptide is selected from at least one peptide represented in Figure 24.